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CARS Website Evaluation Tool – 5th Grade

(Original checklist found at: <http://lrs.ed.uiuc.edu/students/tbarcalow/490net/evaluation.htm>)

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| **What to Look For:** | **Ask Yourself:** | **Evaluation #1**  <http://www.factmonster.com/>  Mark ‘Y’ for “yes”, ‘N’ for “no”, or ‘n/a’ if you are not sure (explain if ‘n/a’) | **Evaluation #2**  <http://www.brookview.karoo.net/Sellafield_Zoo/index.html>  Mark ‘Y’ for “yes”, ‘N’ for “no”, or ‘n/a’ if you are not sure (explain if ‘n/a’) |
| Credibility | 1. Is an author listed?  Is he/she credible?  Can the author be contacted?  2. Is there evidence of positive peer evaluation?  3. Does the author use correct grammar and spelling? | 1. Y N n/a  2. Y N n/a  3. Y N n/a | 1. Y N n/a  -name listed; no credentials or contact info  2. Y N n/a  3. Y N n/a |
| Accuracy | 1. Is the date of the site current?  2. Is the information complete and not too vague?  3. Does the author acknowledge all views? | 1. Y N n/a  2. Y N n/a  3. Y N n/a  -not very applicable to this type of site | 1. Y N n/a  -no date listed  2. Y N n/a  3. Y N n/a |
| Reasonableness | 1. Is the author fair and objective?  2. Is the author concerned with the truth? | 1. Y N n/a  2. Y N n/a | 1. Y N n/a  2. Y N n/a |
| Support | 1. Does the author provide support for the information shown?  2. Are the sources listed?  3. Are there other resources with similar information? | 1. Y N n/a  2. Y N n/a  3. Y N n/a | 1. Y N n/a  2. Y N n/a  3. Y N n/a |
| \*Design  \*something to consider, but not necessarily as important as CARS | 1. Are the pictures relevant and clear?  2. Are the pages easy to maneuver?  3. Have the colors been chosen well?  4. Do the links work?  5. Does the page load relatively quickly? | 1. Y N n/a  2. Y N n/a  -somewhat easy  3. Y N n/a  4. Y N n/a  5. Y N n/a | 1. Y N n/a  2. Y N n/a  3. Y N n/a  4. Y N n/a  5. Y N n/a |

Scoring: (16 points possible)

Y= +1 point

N= 0 points

n/a= 0 points

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| **1-9= Don’t use this!** | **10-12= This is iffy!** | **13-16 = This site’s fine!** |
| <http://www.brookview.karoo.net/Sellafield_Zoo/index.html>  (4/16) |  | [www.factmonster.com](http://www.factmonster.com)  (14/16) |